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TO AMCONSUL HONG KONG
INFO USDEL MTN GENEVA

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE REMOVAL OF NTB ON BRANDY

REF: (A) HONG KONG 14208; (B) USDEL MTN GENEVA 4252
(C) HONG KONG 0216

1. WASHINGTON APPRECIATES AMCONSUL HONG KONG'S AND USDEL
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MTN GENEVA'S PRODUCTIVE EFFORTS IN REMOVING VESTIGIAL
HONG KONG BARRIERS TO U.S. EXPORTS. WHEN REPEAL IS
EFFECTED CONGEN MAY WISH EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO APPRO-
PRIATE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

2. FOR HONG KONG: PLEASE REPORT (INFO. MTN GENEVA) PRO-

GRESS ON BILL (REF A, PARA. 3) TO REPEAL HONG KONG REGULATION PROHIBITING IMPORT OF BRANDY BELOW A CERTAIN PROOF LEVEL.

3. FOR MTN GENEVA: PLEASE EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO PEARSON (HONG KONG REPRESENTATIVE ON UK DEL) AND IF FEASIBLE, RECONFIRM HIS STATEMENT REPORTED REF. B THAT HONG KONG GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CONSIDER REPEAL OF THE REGULATION ON BRANDY A CONTRIBUTION TO TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MTN. IF SO, YOU MAY WISH POINT OUT THAT WHILE WE UNDERSTAND HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S VIEWPOINT

AND WILL RESPECT IT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER LDC'S IN MTN, RELEVANT U.S. INDUSTRY SECTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS AWARE OF LINKAGE OF THIS LONG STANDING ISSUE TO THE MTN AND FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES MAY WISH TO CONSIDER ACHIEVEMENT AS A HONG KONG CONTRIBUTION TO TROPICAL PRODUCTS. FYI: REDUCTION OF THE PROOF LEVEL LIMITATION WHICH PROHIBITED ENTRY OF MOST U.S. BRANDY WAS THE U.S. OBJECTIVE VIS-A-VIS HONG KONG FOR THIS ARTICLE; IT WAS TIED TO A TARIFF REDUCTION REQUEST ON BRANDY (WHICH WOULD BENEFIT PRIMARILY THIRD COUNTRY SUPPLIERS) ONLY BECAUSE STANDARD FORMAT FOR REQUEST LIST PREPARATION REQUIRED A TARIFF-NTM LINKING. U.S. INTEREST ON OTHER BEVERAGE ITEMS FOR WHICH WE ARE PRIME SUPPLIER IS, OF COURSE, IN TARIFF CUT. END FYI.

4. WITH REFERENCE TO OTHER MAIN REQUEST LIST ITEM (BTN EX 9305, 6), WE HOPE TO OBTAIN MORE DETAILS AT NEXT ISAC ROUND ON NATURE OF U.S. INDUSTRY'S PROBLEMS WITH HONG KONG OWNERSHIP RESTRICTIONS.
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